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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA: ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR TANGIBLE SUPPORT TO IRAQ AT BRUSSELS CONFERENCE

REF: A. (A) STATE 111894

[B](#). (B) VIENNA 1886 AND PREVIOUS

[C](#). (C) STATE 112917

[1](#)1. (U) EconPolCouns delivered ref (a) demarche on June 17 to the Austrian Foreign Ministry's Director (assistant secretary equivalent) for the Middle East and Africa, Ralph Scheide.

[1](#)2. (U) Scheide thanked us for the suggestions, and noted that Austria is engaged in several areas which appear on the list (such as police training). Scheide said he was drafting a public statement for release when Foreign Minister Ursula Plassnik travels to Brussels for the conference. The statement would review Austria's efforts to support Iraq, including its forgiveness of 80 percent of Iraq's debt.

[1](#)3. (U) Scheide said FM Plassnik had asked to make a statement at the Iraq Conference under the Rule of Law and Public Order agenda item. In that context, she would make a Human Rights manual on CD-ROM available to the Iraqis and other delegations.

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